



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Riggins et al.

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For: System and Method for Globally

Accessing Computer Services

Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examining the subject application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This preliminary amendment addresses the final office action mailed on October 27 1998. A one-month extension is enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-18, 20-25, 27-30, 38, 43-47, 49 and 50 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method comprising [the steps of]:

[establishing] <u>initiating</u> a communications link between a <u>browser stored on a</u> client and a server;